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TAGS: SOPN, OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: RESUME OF DAILY BRIEFING - DECEMBER 9

NO. 11

1. ACTING SPOKESMAN VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING: QUOTE WE HAVE NOTICED A NUMBER OF RECENT STATEMENTS SUGGESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES COULD ABSORB AN OIL PRICE INCREASE WITHOUT DETRIMENTAL IMPACT TO OUR ECONOMIES. I WANT TO REPEAT THE US GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT NO OIL PRICE INCREASE IS JUSTIFIED AND THAT ANY OIL PRICE INCREASE COULD HAVE DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WORLD'S ECONOMY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS AVAILABLE A STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF A PRICE INCREASE WHICH WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU. I WOULD ALSO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO TWO SPEECHES BY UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS WHICH DEALT WITH THIS QUESTION, ONE OF THEM ON MONDAY OF THIS WEEK, AND THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. END QUOTE. (FYI: FOREGOING STATEMENT WAS AT UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS' INSTRUCTIONS AND WITH ACTING SECRETARY ROBINSON'S APPROVAL. STUDY MADE AVAILABLE IS INTERNAL USG WORKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAPER PREPARED FOR ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD, TO WHICH  
NUMBER OF AGENCIES CONTRIBUTED.)

2. IN LIGHT OF QUESTIONS PRECEDING TWO DAYS ON RESUMPTION  
OF NEXT ROUND OF PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS, ACTING  
SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER EXPECTS TO  
LEAVE FOR PANAMA DECEMBER 13.

3. FOLLOWING REPLIES WERE MADE TO QUESTIONS:

4. STATEMENT BY KOREAN INFORMATION MINISTER THAT FAILURE  
BY UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE CONVINCING CLARIFICATIONS ON  
BLUE HOUSE MATTER HAS PRODUCED CONTINUED SPECULATIONS AND  
DISTORTIONS QUITE DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTEREST OF KOREA  
AND THE UNITED STATES: WE HAVE CONVEYED TO THE KOREAN  
GOVERNMENT OUR FEELING THAT TWO STATEMENTS YESTERDAY AND  
TODAY BY SEOUL, DEALING IN GENERAL TERMS WITH OUR RELA-  
TIONS WITH KOREA, WERE NOT HELPFUL. AT THE SAME TIME,  
OUR BASIC RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING OUR SECURITY INTEREST,  
REMAINS UNCHANGED. ASKED TO RESPOND TO KOREAN CRITICISM  
OF U. S. FOR ALLEGEDLY CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC EAVES DROP-  
PING PREJUDICIAL TO PRESENT PARK, ACTING SPOKESMAN SAID  
THAT WE STATED LAST MONTH WHEN THIS FIRST AROSE, AND MUST  
STATE AGAIN, THAT IT IS OUR REGULAR AND LONG STANDING  
PRACTICE NOT TO COMMENT ON MATTERS OF THIS KIND. SAME  
RESPONSE MADE TO FURTHER QUESTION WHETHER SOUTH KOREANS  
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS HAVE ASKED FOR EXPLANATIONS  
OF BUGGING REPORTS.

5. COMPLAINT BY KOREANS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO  
SEE KIM SANG KEUN: WHAT WE SAID YESTERDAY STILL STANDS,  
KIM CHOSE FREELY TO SEEK TO REMAIN IN THIS COUNTRY, AND  
THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THAT FACT. HE  
IS AWARE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACCESS TO HIM. HE  
HAS MADE IT CLEAR HE DOES NOT WISH THEM TO HAVE SUCH  
ACCESS, AND WE HAVE MADE THIS CLEAR TO THE KOREANS.

6. REPORT FROM LONDON THAT, IN A SERIES OF QUOTE SECRET  
COMMUNICATIONS UNQUOTE TO AFRICAN FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS,  
SECRETARY HAS AMONG OTHER THINGS ASSURED THEM THAT  
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INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD BE BLACK MAJORITY AND IN LATER  
LETTER REPORTEDLY RENEGED ON THIS: WE HAVE EXPLAINED  
BEFORE THAT WE DO NOT DISCUSS CONTENTS OF PRIVILEGED  
COMMUNICATIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS ON PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN  
AFRICA. THESE ARE PART OF OUR CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS  
OVER PAST EIGHT MONTHS TO HELP TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION  
TO THESE PROBLEMS, IN PARTICULAR ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY

RULE IN RHODESIA. OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS OBJECTIVE HAS IN NO WAY CHANGED AND OUR DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THIS GOAL IS UNDIMINISHED.

7. PANAMA CANAL TALKS: AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S PREVIOUS TRIPS TO PANAMA HAVE LASTED ABOUT A WEEK. NO AGENDA HAS BEEN AGREED ON UPCOMING ROUND. SINCE PANAMANIAN RE-QUESTED THIS ROUND, WE ASSUME THEY WILL HAVE SOME MATERIAL THEY WISH TO BRING TO OUR ATTENTION, AND WE AND PANAMAN- IANS BOTH FEEL THAT SOMETHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS ROUND. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT REMAIN FOR EXPLORATION AND DISCUSSION.

8. DEPARTMENT'S PERMISSION TO MCDONNELL DOUGLAS TO APPROACH INDIA ON SALE OF A-4 AIRCRAFT: WE DO NOT HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION SALE OF A-4S TO INDIA. SOME TIME AGO MCDONNELL DOUGLAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROVIDING - UNCLASSIFIED DATA ON A-4 TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO ENABLE IT TO MAKE PRESENTATION. WE APPROVED REQUEST ON UNDER- STANDING THAT IT IN NO WAY IMPLIED USG DECISION TO APPROVE ANY SALES OF PLANE. USG HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED REQUEST FROM INDIA ABOUT A-4 AND NO REPEAT NO REVIEW IS UNDER WAY WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE SALE.

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